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Exiles Jailed on Plot Count

Cubans Allegedly Planned Anti-Castro Acts

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MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Nine Cuban exiles were jailed here Friday on federal charges of plotting terror attacks on ships and planes of Spain, Mexico and Great Britain as part of a nationwide anti-Castro vendetta by the group calling itself Cuban Power.

The man indicted as the leader, Dr. Orlando Bosch, seemed triumphant after his arrest by FBI agents. While being taken to jail under $50,000 bond, Bosch raised his handcuffed arms and made "V" with fingers of each hand as he shouted: "Victory for Cuban liberation."

Bosch and two of the nine were charged in the Sept. 16 cannonading of a Polish freighter in Miami. The attack became an international incident.

The indictment also identified Bosch as the mysterious "Ernesto," the voice of Cuban Power who announced attacks sometimes before they occurred.

THREATS MADE

Bosch was charged separately with cabling threats to Harold Wilson, prime minister of Great Britain, Gustavo Diaz Ordaz, president of Mexico, and Gen. Francisco Franco, head of state in Spain.

All nine of those arrested Friday by FBI agents were charged with conspiracy to violate the neutrality of the United States by making war against another nation from U.S. soil.

In announcing the arrests, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said, "Cuban Power is a militant anti-Castro organization which has publicly claimed responsibility for various acts of violence against property of those nations which have continued to carry on trading with Cuba."

Targets included consulates, offices of government airlines and companies which shipped mercy packages to families in Cuba.

The indictment, returned secretly in Miami Thursday by a federal grand jury, said all nine of those indicted had conspired with the Cuban Power group. Among the attacks claimed by Cuban Power were bombings of a cargo plane at Miami Airport, a British freighter at sea near Key West, and a Japanese freighter at Tampa, Fla.

A tenth man identified in the indictment, but neither charged nor listed as a coconspirator, was Ricardo Morales Navarrete. Morales had been arrested earlier by Miami police in connection with one of the 39 bombings that struck the city's Cuban colony.

TESTIMONY GIVEN

Morales' testimony to the grand jury was reportedly the key to breaking the facade of the secret group.

An affidavit for a search warrant filed Thursday with U.S. Commissioner Edward P. Swan said Bosch had been identified as the man who delivered the telegram to Western Union June 6.

The suffix "hurst" in place names, such as Maplehurst, comes from the Anglo-Saxon "hyrst," which means a wood or forest.

CAUGHT AT AIRPORT

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Cuban, Bombs Seized in Georgia

VALDOSTA, Ga. (AP) — A Cuban refugee, arrested at a Tifton Airport with bombs and propaganda leaflets, is being held in the Valdosta jail today, charged with unlawfully attempting to export war munitions.

He was arrested by U.S. customs agents yesterday, shortly before takeoff in a small plane in which suitcases of incendiary and aerial bombs and leaflets were found, officials said.

Identified as Barbaro Balan Garcia of Miami, he was arraigned before U.S. Commissioner Eugene Creneker who set bond at $1,000, which was not posted.

CRENEKER, granting a request by Customs Agent W. B. Lankford, ruled that Garcia not be allowed to sign his own bond.

"We feel the organization to which he belongs will come to his rescue," Lankford said. "The government has ways of notifying those in his organization."

He did not name the group, nor did he specify how the agents knew Garcia was at Tifton, though he said information came from a "reliable informer."

WITH GARCIA at Tifton was another man, Arthur Girteit, 25, who an agent said had a pilot's license listing an Olyphant, Pa., address. He was not arrested.

Ken Sharpe of Tifton Air Service Inc. said he flew with Girteit on a routine check-out flight before papers were signed for the plane.

Agent Herbert Finstein testified that Garcia warned him not to open the suitcases after the arrest. "It's dangerous," he quoted Garcia as saying. "There are bombs in there."

LANKFORD SAID demolition experts from Jacksonville, Fla., were summoned to examine the two suitcases.

Authorities in Valdosta said the contents included four 10-pound aerial bombs, two five-pound incendiary bombs and propaganda leaflets in Spanish.

Introduced into evidence were maps of Cuba, one which agents said indicated a flight plan to Cuba, though the flight plan filed at Tifton was for a trip to Macon, Ga.

GARCIA, WHO speaks only Spanish, followed proceedings through an interpreter.

His court-appointed attorney, Omer Franklin Jr. of Valdosta, contended it would be suicide to try to fly the twin-engine Piper Commanche from Tifton to Cuba.

He said there was no evidence Garcia could pilot a plane and argued the government did not prove he owned the bombs.